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laudable measures, proposed by the Florida Institute at Tallahassee for the benefit of a territory destined to become a most important member of our confederacy, be crowned with entire success. When the great Florida canal shall have been completed, the position of the territory will be one of the most important in all North America, and its citizens will possess every incentive to emulation which a free and enterprising people can wish.



2.—*An Oration before the Washington Benevolent Society of Pennsylvania, delivered in the Hall of the Musical Fund Society, on the 22d of February, 1827.* By W. T. DWIGHT. Philadelphia.

In this Oration Mr Dwight has treated a very noble and comprehensive theme with no inconsiderable success. His subject is *the character of the American revolution, and its influence upon mankind.* He illustrates the character of the revolution under the heads of the country where it happened, its era, the character of the people who accomplished it, the manner in which the revolution was accomplished, the character of its hero. The influence of the American revolution upon mankind is discussed, in reference to the political maxims which have been promulgated to the world in the successful result of the American revolution (such as that all power resides in the people ; that all men are born free and equal ; that the rights of conscience are inviolable ; and that the press shall be absolutely and for ever free), and in reference to the example of America, in the points of written constitutions, free representative governments, and the entire and triumphant success with which our institutions have gone into operation. The discourse closes with a brief survey of the effects which have actually resulted from the revolution in reference to its influence on foreign nations.

The reader will perceive that Mr Dwight has brought a rich variety of topics under consideration and distributed his subject with skill. Much originality of remark could not be expected on any of these topics, which within a few years have been so variously and amply illustrated, not only in this country but in Europe. Mr Dwight has not aimed at the most fervid style of eloquence. His statements are clear and distinct, and many of them made with decisive effect. As a whole, the Oration holds a respectable rank among the performances of the class to which it belongs.

